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MEETING OF THE MANAGING COMMITTEE OF THE SUPPLEMENTING FUND.

Pursuant to notice from the Convener, the Managing Committee of the Supplementing Fund held their annual meeting in St. Andrew's Church, Pictou, on Wednesday the 15th Oct. There were present, Rev. C. Dunn, Convener, Revds. Wm. Stewart, A. W. Herdman, and McMillan; and Alex. McKay, Esq., M. P. P., R. Simpson, Esq., John Holmes, Esq., Alex. McLean, Elder, John McDonald, Roy. Donald Gray, D. A. Fraser, Esq., Donald Ross.

The Convener explained to the meeting why it was not called, as per adjournment, on the first week of October, after which the minutes of last meeting were read and sustained. The representatives present being called upon, reported the state of matters in connection with the scheme in their respective congregations. While the Scheme is generally approved of, and by not a few enthusiastically worked up, yet in all of the congregations its progress is less or more retarded by the "hard times," and in some cases, already heavy burdens in the form of church debt. Resolved that a deputation consisting of the Convener, the Secretary, and Messrs. Simpson and McKay be appointed to visit the congregations that have not yet contributed to the Fund.

Resolved to instruct the Secretary to forward a copy of the Rules to the Hon. James McDonald, with a view to such changes and improvements as may be necessary to make them thoroughly legal.

RECORD OF A CHURCH IN NEW BRUNSWICK 29 YEARS AGO.

Having been lately in the neighbouring province, there was put in my hands a document showing the resolutions come to at a public meeting to remedy the deficiencies of stipend and to improve the finances of a certain congregation of the Scotch Church.

Whereas it appears (the document reads) that a balance is due to the Rev. Mr. S., and that his stipend has not been regularly paid, and whereas it also appears that in many instances large sums are due and owing by persons for rent, and who, together with a number of other members of the congregation, have not for years past paid anything to the Rev. Mr. S.'s stipend, therefore resolved unanimously that each and every male head of a family and adults of and over 21 years of age, belonging to the Rev. Mr. S.'s congregation, or who have received and look forward to receive Church privileges and the benefit and constitution of religion through his instrumentality, are *morally and in duty bound* to contribute more or less towards paying his yearly salary.

Resolved that 200 copies of the foregoing proceedings be printed and distributed among the members of the congregation for their information and guidance."

Now, change the name, if in these hard times there be deficiencies on the part of congregations, within our bounds instead of circulating the above resolutions, why should not a committee of youths of and over 21 years be formed to call upon the non-paying members and solicit their subscriptions? Will it be pleaded that the services of Rev. Mr. S. or G. are not worth the money, or that it is not an unquestionable moral obligation on